GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BIDS FOR EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS UNDER NELP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have invited bids for exploration of oil and gas under the new exploration licensing policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the last date for receiving bids?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c):- To intensify efforts for exploration of oil and gas in the country, Government, under the third round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), have offered27 exploration blocks under the International Competitive Bidding (ICB).These include 11 onland blocks falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal,9 Deep Water blocks and 7 shallow water blocks, located on both East and West Coasts. The Notice Inviting Offersfor these blocks was announced on the 28th March, 2002 with the bid closing date of 28th August, 2002.